



COMMUNITY IMPACT

2011 FUNDED AGENCIES WITH REPORTED RESULTS

(Funded agencies are listed with a brief description of their mission and program results. In some cases, the agency has received multiple year funding so results may be the same for several years until a results report is submitted with a new application.)

Alcare Place

Provides a supportive, structured, long-term residence for men with addictions.

75% of clients, six months following program completion, are not using drugs, alcohol or engaged in gambling activity and 90% are employed or attending school.

Funded programs: Individual and Group Counseling in Addiction Recovery and Life Skills.

Alice Housing

Alice Housing provides safe second stage housing and supportive counselling for women and children leaving domestic violence.

87% of women leave Alice Housing and move into non-violent homes.

Funded programs: Family Support Service and Safe Housing.

Bayers Westwood Family Resource Centre

Bayers Westwood Family Resource Centre creates a secure, supportive, learning place for families in the community.

95% of families report their family life improved.

Funded programs: Parent and Community Programs and Ready, Set, Go! (pre-school)

Boys and Girls Club of Cole Harbour

Boys and Girls Clubs provide a safe, supportive place where children and youth can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships and develop confidence and skills for life.

88% Jr. Leaders initiate or assist in community activities.

Funded programs: Core and Junior Leadership

Boys and Girls Club of Dartmouth

Boys and Girls Clubs provide a safe, supportive place where children and youth can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships and develop confidence and skills for life.

80% of club members complete high school and 65% go on to post secondary education.

Funded programs: Chips Program, Daycamp and Core

Boys and Girls Club of East Dartmouth

Boys and Girls Clubs provide a safe, supportive place where children and youth can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships and develop confidence and skills for life.

100 % of parents report that their Ready, Set, Play participants were better prepared to start school.

Funded programs: Core Programs, Day camps, Camping, School aged child care and Ready, Set, Play.

Boys and Girls Club of Preston

Boys and Girls Clubs provide a safe, supportive place where children and youth can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships and develop confidence and skills for life.

58% of tutoring program participants showed outstanding improvement and enthusiasm for their school work.

Funded programs: Ascend-Afterschool, Pindrop Youth.

Boys and Girls Club of Sackville

Boys and Girls Clubs provide a safe, supportive place where children and youth can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships and develop confidence and skills for life.

76% of Torch Members and 89% of the Keystone members become advocates for the safe, legal, responsible consumption of drugs and alcohol. (i.e. encouraging parents to drink responsibly)

Funded programs: Afterschool, Torch and Keystone Leadership

Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield

Boys and Girls Clubs provide a safe, supportive place where children and youth can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships and develop confidence and skills for life.

68% of youth participants take on leadership roles in the club, at school or in the community.

Funded programs: After School Program and Youth Leadership Drop-in.

Canadian Mental Health Association, Halifax/Dartmouth

Promotes the mental health of all and supports the resilience and recovery of those with mental illness. Social Clubs give participants the opportunity for social and recreational activities, information and referral.

86% of Building Bridges members felt that the program had given them more purpose and meaning in their lives.

Funded programs: Social Clubs in Halifax and Dartmouth and Building Bridges

Canadian Paraplegic Association, Nova Scotia

Assists persons with spinal cord injuries and other physical disabilities to achieve independence, self reliance and full community participation.

Participants are encouraged to curl, play wheelchair basketball, billiards, and to sail as a result of Peer Support and partnerships with other community groups. SailAble is a unique program for people with quadra or paraplegic challenges. The program includes 22 in basketball, 8 in bocce, 6 in baseball, 2 in rugby and 13 in billiards.)

Funded program: Peer Support Volunteer Program

Coverdale Courtwork Society

Coverdale works with women who are involved or at risk of becoming involved in the justice system and offers opportunities for personal growth and change to prevent new offences.

50% of the women reported making changes in their lives following counselling.

Funded programs: Counselling and Group Programs

Dartmouth Family Centres

Programs and activities focused on child-centered development for children and their families.

92% of parents report that their knowledge of parenting and child development has increased since coming to the Centre and 78% say they are able to use the parenting knowledge they have gained with their children.

Funded program: Families Strengthening Families.

Deafness Advocacy Association of Nova Scotia

DAANS promotes the rights and the needs of an estimated 55,000 deaf, hard of hearing and late deafened Nova Scotians.

DAANS hosted a joint partnership to create a Deaf Studies Program to train deaf leaders at the Nova

Scotia Community College (NSCC) with many deaf individuals enrolled. DAANS has developed an American Sign Language DVD for HRM. And in addition resolved four long and complex interventions resulting in positive resolutions and changes to policy and practice within Government and private industry.

Funded program: Advocacy

Dress for Success Halifax Society

Promotes the economic independence of women by providing professional attire, a network of support and the career development tools to help women thrive in work and life.

98% of women feel more confident attending their job interview after participating in the Suiting for Confidence Program.

Funded program: Suiting for Confidence.

East Preston Day Care Centre

Community centre promoting early childhood education in a daycare setting for young and school-aged children. In partnership with the IWK, it offers prenatal clinics, family education and health programs.

90% of parents of youth program participants reported improved communication with their teen.

Funded program: Healthy living, Healthy eating for youth.

Eastern Shore Family Resource Association

Programs and services to support parents from Lake Echo to Ship Harbour.

89% of parents who participate in the education workshops say their children are responding positively to new parenting strategies.

Funded program: Family Resource Programs

Elizabeth Fry Society

Serves women in conflict with the law and those at risk by providing a safe, healing environment for strength and growth. Defends the rights of women, while working to ensure fair treatment in the criminal justice system.

62% of women decrease criminal activity and remain committed to follow through on their community plan.

Funded programs: Elizabeth Fry Society Prevention and Intervention Programs

Family SOS

Family SOS Healthy Kidz program is a community-based program designed to promote the health and well-being of children and their families.

90%, of parents reported increased communication in the home and less arguing/tension between parents and children and 75% of parents report that their children take more responsibility in the household.

Funded programs: Healthy Kidz – Greystone and Gottingen

Fairview Family Resource Centre and Tot Meeting Place

Provides a safe, supportive friendly meeting place for parents and their children, while promoting a positive environment that encourages and supports healthy growth and development of all family members.

73 % of newcomers volunteer in the community, become involved in community activities and educational endeavours

Funded programs: Programs and activities focused on child-centered development for children and their families

Halifax Sexual Health Centre

The organization promotes sexual and reproductive health within an environment, respecting and supporting individual choice.

82% of clients reported an increase in knowledge about sexual health as a result of attending a Health Promotion workshop

Funded program: Health Promotion.

Home of the Guardian Angel – Chebucto Family Centre

Programs for Parents focus on personal growth and parenting skills.

68% of participants reported that their families are following Canada's Food Guide recommendations. Those who were not able to follow the recommendations related it to their low income.

Funded program: Programs for Parents

Immigrant Settlement and Integration Services

A community based organization welcoming newcomers, recognizing their essential role in Canada and offering programs to help newcomers participate fully in HRM.

Nonprofit organizations, government departments, private organizations, universities, immigration service providers and funding organizations can take part in workshops offered by ISIS to increase their cultural understanding of the role of newcomers in our community. ISIS designs customized workshops delivered by volunteers with the organization.

Funded program: Diversity Leadership Outreach Program

Laing House

Laing House prepares youth living with mental illness for healthy futures.

100% of members report an increase in their social support network, reduction of feelings of isolation and having a greater number of people to turn to for support if they are having problems.

Funded program: Youth Outreach

Learning Disabilities Association

Offers learning programs to children and their families dealing with learning disabilities.

88% of students have made gains in reading levels.

Funded programs: LINKS, (Linking Language to Learning) and LINKS Family Outreach.

Leave Out Violence (LOVE)

The organization reduces violence in the lives of youth and in communities by building a team of youth who communicate a message of non-violence.

81% of LOVE's high school graduates have gone on to pursue post-secondary education.

43% of LOVE's active youth entered as dependents of parents receiving social assistance. NONE of these youth, at the age of 19, are receiving social assistance.

Funded program: LOVE Three Phase Leadership Program

Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth Project

Provides a youth directed environment with access to information, peer support, social activities and school support.

95% of youth showed an increase in self-acceptance, 57% of youth reported thinking about suicide prior to accessing support and 93% reported a reduction in suicide ideation.

Funded programs: Gender Identity, Individual Support, School Support and Social Support.

Marguerite Centre

A long-term residential facility for women in recovery from addictions and abuse.

40% of women remain free from the use of drugs, alcohol and gambling activities 6 months after leaving the centre and 30% remain free 1 year after leaving the centre.

Funded program: Women's Recovery Program

Metro Community Housing Association

Non-profit, community based agency providing life support and residential services to persons who have experienced mental health difficulties.

64% of program participants learned new vocational skills leading to employment and 79% increased their work experience & reported increased job satisfaction.

Funded program: Community Access Cooperative (Job placement)

Metro Non-Profit Housing Association

An agency assisting single adults who have been homeless or who are at risk of being homeless, to create and maintain their homes.
60% of tenants say they have experienced positive changes in their lives such as regaining contact with family or entering training or returning to work.

Funded programs: 5510 Buddy Daye Street (housing location) and Housing Support Team.

Musquodoboit Valley Family Resource Centre

Committed to meeting the needs of parents and young children in the rural community and to enhancing parental involvement in childrens' development, health and learning.

Primary teachers and principals say they recognize students attending pre-school programs, have a high level of school readiness.

Funded programs: Rhyme Time and Senior Playschool

Nova Scotia Sea School

Promotes the Maritime tradition of boat building as a way for teens to learn the values that seafaring has taught for generations: leadership, courage, responsibility, cooperation, generosity and respect.

82% of youth report their academic status has improved.

Funded program: Youth Leadership Program.

Progress Centre for Early Intervention

Provides support, information, resources and educational programs for families with young children with developmental delays to enable children to meet their full potential.

84% of the children made gains and developed skills in three identified areas of development.

Funded programs: Playgroups, Resource Sharing, Access to Information, Toys and Equipment.

Roots of Empathy

Babies are teachers when they visit classrooms with their parents and Roots of Empathy instructors throughout the school year to build caring, peaceful and civil societies through the development of empathy in children and adults.

85% of Roots of Empathy (ROE) students in schools reported that it taught them that it's important to help someone who is being bullied.

Funded program: Babies as Teachers

Saint George's Friends of Clemente

Humanities 101 is a university level program offered to individuals whose life experience has not allowed them the opportunity to explore higher education. Students develop reading, writing and critical thinking skills through the exploration of classic literature of the western world.

From the 60 people who have graduated from the program in the past 5 years, 50% of students remain involved in the graduate program. In addition 26% have sought entry into post secondary education. Due to financial barriers, only 8 of these students have been able to do so.

Funded program: Humanities 101

Saint George's YouthNet

Supports children and youth of the neighbourhood, nurturing their gifts and encouraging their dreams, while building their self-confidence and self-awareness.

50% of participants showed their confidence and volunteered to perform in YouthNet's talent show. In addition many of the participants also performed their new skills at their school talent show.

Funded programs: Community Music Program and Wilderness Program

Solutions Learning Centre

Provides programs and projects to assist low income and social assistance recipients to increase their employment potential and find jobs.

52% of graduates went on to employment opportunities while 25% continued their education.

Funded programs: Employment Readiness Training, Literacy, and Employment Support

Society of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Nova Scotians

Provides information, referrals, and assistance in obtaining services for individuals and their families who are deaf, deafened, or hard of hearing.

A program by SDHHNS aimed at isolated deaf adults shows a reduction in social isolation amongst 85% of program participants and 60% show significant improvement in their social connections.

Funded program: Community Resource Worker to reach out to Deaf Adults.

Spencer House Seniors' Centre

The Centre provides services and programs to enable older adults to live independently, contribute to their community and maintain an active and healthy lifestyle.

63% of participants report that their quality of life has improved.

Funded programs: Health Promotion and Home Support for Seniors.

St. Paul's Family Resource Institute

Programs including community kitchens, food banks, community gardens, income tax preparation and Christmas support are offered to individuals and families in the neighbourhood.

75 program participants contribute to their community by volunteering at the centre.

Funded program: Community Outreach through gardening, cooking, tax preparation, employment support, social support and skill building.

Stepping Stone Association

The organization supports individuals involved in the sex trade by contributing to their health, safety and well-being.

An increase in health and safety for sex workers was evidenced by a 50% increase in the number of women accessing the health nurse. Through relationship development with police services, the bad trick list increased by 85%.

Funded programs: Street Outreach and Non-Residential House providing services.

Supportive Housing for Young Mothers

Provides tools and access to community support and education to make safe housing available for young mothers and their children, who are homeless or at risk of being homeless.

50% of young moms report decreased stress, an increase in self esteem and having supports in place.

Funded program: Housing Support

Urban Farm Museum Society

The Urban Farm Museum Society offers interpretive and instructional programs on the farming heritage of Spryfield.

92% of volunteers are happy with their volunteer experience and 90% have made new relationships or friends.

Funded programs: Come Grow with Us – Volunteer Nurturer, Spryfield Market Garden and Farm Market.

Veith House

A neighbourhood house meeting the needs of children, individuals and families, working primarily with people living in poverty. Empowerment is the ever present goal.

70% of parents in the In-home Parenting program report improved relationships with their children.

Funded programs: Advocacy Services, Community Development, Computer Mice, Counselling, Courage to Heal, Friday Morning Drop-in, In-Home Parenting, Peer Support, Preschool, Supervised Access Services and Trustee Services.

Veith Street Gallery

Provides artists with disabilities an opportunity to showcase their talents. The result is a new purpose and self-esteem for the artist, reason to celebrate success for families and gives the community the opportunity to appreciate the talents of this often marginalized group.
89% of artists demonstrated the value and purpose they feel when they choose to show their art. 46% are showing their art in community galleries.

Funded programs: Support for Artists and Artist Outreach

Victorian Order of Nurses of Greater Halifax

VON's volunteer programs complement their health care services by connecting people to their community, increasing their support and providing services that help people remain in their homes.

75% of transportation clients report an increased feeling of independence.

Funded programs: Volunteer Visiting, VON Transportation, Palliative and Supportive Care and Break Away Adult Day Care

Ward Five Neighborhood Centre

A neighbourhood centre providing programs for children, adults and seniors

90% of youth report having more pride and confidence and 85% of children feel they are becoming more confident.

Funded programs: Activities for children, youth and seniors at the Centre.

Wee Care Developmental Centre

An integrated day care program for normally developing children and those with special needs.

Eight children were welcomed into community programs including Needham Recreation Centre, Northcliff and the Dickson Centre and two children were accepted into their local daycare centre with support from Wee Care

Funded program: Harvesting Miracles.

YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth

The Community Y provides recreational and leadership development programs for youth and their families in the inner city of Halifax.

94% of youth are not involved in conflicts while at the community Y. Youth are supported so they will **not** engage in conflict.

Funded programs: Recreation and Sports at the Community Y

YWCA – Halifax

The YWCA is dedicated to providing services by and for women, to further the development of women and their families in our community.

As a result of young women being supported to have confidence and expand their horizons, 52% self identified and provided specific examples of how they have set goals for themselves, 61% self identified that they are now making their own decisions.

Funded program: YWCA Youth Programs

The following agencies have received funding and will report results when their contract is completed and they re-apply for funding.

Affirmative Industries

As an innovative not for profit organization, Affirmative Industries invests in Nova Scotians with disabilities who strive to join the workforce, start their own business and own their own home.

Funded programs: Employment Training and Financial Literacy

Chebucto Links

Chebucto Links Senior Support Association works to enable older persons to remain in their community and maintain their independence, dignity and sense of well-being by providing social and health promotion programs, information and resources.

Funded programs: Active Living for Seniors and Coffee Break

Freedom Foundation

Provides services to support recovery from addictions, development of positive self image and self worth in a secure and caring environment.

Funded program: Men's Addiction Recovery

Sackville Bedford Early Intervention

Supports families of birth to school age children with developmental challenges, or who are at risk for developmental delays or disorders.

Funded program: Transition to School

Social, Cultural, Recreational, Inclusion for All

The Club is an all-inclusive social, cultural and learning environment, for persons of all ages with disabilities and learning difficulties.

Funded program: The Club

Youth Voices

Assists youth residing in NS who are currently or formerly in government care in developing social skills, writing and communication skills, portfolio development and employability skills by engaging them in programs and extra-curricular activities and by referring them to other services in the community that are available to youth.

Funded program: Youth in Care Newsletter